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No decent Colored man should be caught using such terms, or find himself on the streets.

The full text of President Wilson's letter to his cabinet on the subject of lynching will probably be circulated by Kramer among the Colored soldiers.

The colored ticket books will be Colored people to the N. S. C. and R. A. at Dewey, the seat of the state capital, to serve their country. Best of all this is the last of the free and honest of the books.

There is a great crowd of Colored men who will stand on the streets for hours discussing the Little Rock riot still. Their heads in church houses. The master supports the so-called law of rounding up the time.

One of the upcoming products of certain relatives' Journal, which reaches our offices, is a good deal of their "spare" time up, talking about the "Peace Commission" appointed to settle the war between the various religious bodies. How can the slaves be induced to accept the plan of salvation when the Christians are fighting like Turks.

The appointment of Lieut. Russell Smith, detailer in charge of the 2nd Battalion, Student Army Training Camp, Howard University, is the first time in the history of the United States Army when a Colored officer has been placed in charge as commanding officer of a training camp.

The National Negro Business League, which has done so much to stimulate the Colored man along business lines, is holding its nineteenth annual session at Atlantic City, N. J., this week, notable Colored men and Colored women from all parts of the United States are in attendance. Active Negro business leagues should be had in every town where Negroes reside.

The Colored man is like men of other races in a great many respects, and especially so when it comes to feeling good over some man of the race who has brought fame to us. We are all glad to have Sam Langford in our midst because he has learned to do some one thing real well, and we wish we had new things off times as capable as Mr. Langford.

"Health Bulletin," a journal of the State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association of Oklahoma, met its appearance at The Star of Dec. this week. Dr. T. H. Wright of Bartlesville, Okla., editor-in-chief, and if he keeps The Bulletin up to the best issue it is compelled to succeed. The Star extends a welcome to the new comers as there is plenty of room in the journalistic field.

The colored churches and fraternal societies of Jackson, Tenn., are planning to have an elaborate patriotic demonstration August 20th, to continue three days. Speakers of national renown will be on hand, and a strenuous effort will be made to raise \$5,000 for war purposes. A big parade is to be an outstanding feature of the occasion and it is expected that 25,000 marchers will take part. The affair is under the management of a local committee, headed by B. Pipkin.

The Negro Auxiliary of the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross society of Knoxville, Tenn., is doing excellent work, with Mrs. J. L. Gibson as president. At a recent patriotic celebration Mayor John F. McMillan spoke and helpful addresses were delivered by Editor W. L. Porter, of the East Tennessee News; Prof. C. W. Conner, of the W. F. Yarbrough, Dr. J. H. Henderson, Rev. G. St. George McCullum and others in the prominence.

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Write A. J. Smitherman, editor of The Tulsa Star, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## CLUB WOMEN TO MEET AT ENID THIS MONTH

To the Members of the Oklahoma State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs Greeting:

This is to inform you that the Federation will convene in its 28th annual session at Enid, Oklahoma, on Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, 1918, at the Grayson Baptist Church, corner Market and Market street.

Let each club send its full number of delegates together with all money due the state and one dollar in advance for the minutes of this session.

Mrs. Emma Hardesty, 300 East Market street, as to the number of delegates and the time of arrival in the city.

Board and lodging will be free to officers and delegates. All meals will be served at the club canteen.

Anticipating a large and profitable session, I am,

Yours for "LITTLE" as we think:

JUDITH C. HORTON, President

## BLACK AND WHITE TROOPS ENGAGE IN A FATAL RACE RIOT AT CAMP MERRITT

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 19.—Major General Shanks, commanding the United States port of embarkation, today was conducting an investigation into a race riot Saturday night at Camp Merritt, New Jersey, near Tenafly, which is believed officially to have caused the death of six soldiers—five negroes and a white man.

Several others are in the hospital at Camp Merritt, suffering from wounds, mainly bayonet thrusts.

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## MARRIED MEN EXEMPTED FROM CALL IN CLASS 1

Oklahoma City, Aug. 15.—Notwithstanding the fact that Oklahoma will not have over 2,000 class I men left after the August calls are filled, the local boards will not be permitted to place in class I any married men without children though their wives are physically and mentally qualified to support themselves.

This was made plain in a telegram received today by Adjutant General E. H. Gipson from Provost Marshal General Crowley, in answer to Gipson's wire of Aug. 5, at which time he asked authority to permit the drawing of married men whose wives are able to support themselves.

A new community house, adjudged the best in the district, has been opened for Negro soldiers at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Tex. A committee has been appointed by the War Commission on Training Camp activities and a Colored worker has been placed in charge of the club home.

Well some kind hearted person sent this—every failure a copy of the decision handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States on this very subject. It might make interesting reading provided they have the time—though it may be dated. If there is such a great desire to keep the black brother out of any certain block, why do not the residents of said block refuse to sell or rent to the obnoxious people? Said—objectionably poor couldn't take a black and force them to let him live there. We often hear him live there. We offer this as a free suggestion to all Oklahomans to all others who may have like ideas—giving equal rights.

## STEWART ELECTED HEAD OF OKLAHOMA MASON

The following officers were elected at the Grand Lodge Masons this week: Attorney K. E. Stewart, Grand Master; Prof. Hall a. Hausey, Deputy Grand Master; Prof. N. J. Caesar of Shawnee, secretary; R. N. Watkins of Enid, re-elected Grand Treasurer; W. H. Twine of Muskogee, re-elected secretary Masonic Benefit Association; Lon M. Neill, of Enid, re-elected secretary Masonic Benefit Association. Minor offices to be filled by grand master later.

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of the Church of Our Merciful Saviour of Louisville, Ky., as a club for the Colored soldiers, several thousand of whom are stationed at Camp Zachary Taylor nearby. The house has two large reception rooms, a good-sized assembly hall, large kitchen, reading and writing rooms, bowling alley, pool room, billiard room, etc., in basement and toilet and bathing facilities. There are six dormitory rooms, suitable for 24 cots. In addition to this place, there is a prospect for a building to be equipped as a dormitory that will accommodate two to three hundred cots for the Colored soldiers in this vicinity, at small expense, if any, to the men. A group of representative business men have agreed to furnish and equip the building with light and heat.

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August 3d to 18th a campaign for health, of state-wide proportions is being carried on at Columbia, S. C. On the 4th a meeting was held, and Governor Manning presided. The chief executive also paid a visit to Camp Jackson to encourage the Colored citizens in their very helpful effort in promotion of better health conditions among their people. The State Council of Defense is in charge of the campaign. Some of those interested in the work are Senator Carroll, secretary of State Council of Defense; L. S. Levy, chairman of the Columbia Council of Defense; J. H. Goode, president of the Negro Business League; Dr. M. A. Evans, president of South Carolina Health Association; R. W. Westbury, food administrator for the state of South Carolina; Dr. J. H. Goodwin, president of State Fair Association; N. J. Frederick, editor of the Piedmont Indicator; and R. W. Bodware, president of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People of the state.

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